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Attn: M. Twyler Lamb
Group Art Unit 2622

By Fax, Confirmation by Courier

Dear Examiner Lamb

Re: USSN Patent Application No 09/575,134
In the Name of Kia Silverbrook, Simon Robert Walmsley and Paul Lapstun
Assignee: Silverbrook Research Pty Ltd
Docket No: PP11US

In response to the Notice of Abandonment we hereby lodge a petition to **WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**.

The Notice of Abandonment states that a reply was not timely filed at the USPTO to Office letter mailed on July 30, 2003. We confirm that an amendment was faxed in reply to the Office letter on September 9, 2003. We therefore petition the commissioner to **WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT** on this application.

The enclosed Declaration of my Patent Administrator, Leonie Frances News, confirms that a reply was faxed in a timely manner to the USPTO on September 9, 2003.

We respectfully request favourable consideration of our petition.

Yours sincerely,

Kia Silverbrook

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STATUTORY DECLARATION

In the Matter of US Patent
Application No. 09/575,134
in the name of Kia Silverbrook,
Simon Robert Walmsley
and Paul Lapstun

I LEONIE FRANCES NEWS of 393 Darling Street, Balmain, New South Wales, 2041,
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1. I am the Patent Administrator of Silverbrook Research Pty Ltd and have held this position since 1 September 1999.
2. I have responsibility for maintaining files, preparing responses and forwarding the responses to Office Actions for the United States patent applications of Kia Silverbrook and Silverbrook Research Pty Ltd, including US Patent Application No. 09/575,134 (*"The Patent Application"*.)
3. I received a Notice of Abandonment on The Patent Application stating that a reply was not timely filed at the USPTO to Office letter mailed on July 30, 2003.
4. I then checked my file for The Patent Application and now state that the Amendment A was faxed to the USPTO on The Patent Application on September 9, 2003. A copy of the Amendment A and all other accompanying documents are attached, together with the fax transmission sheet and Certificate of Transmission and marked as Exhibit LFN-1.

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5. I then also checked that Amendment A was faxed to the USPTO to the correct USPTO fax phone number, which was 703-746-6036. A copy of Page 8 of the Office letter is attached showing this fax/phone number and is marked as Exhibit LFN-2.

And I make this solemn declaration aware of the penalties for false declarations under section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 (Cwth of Australia).

Declared at Sydney)
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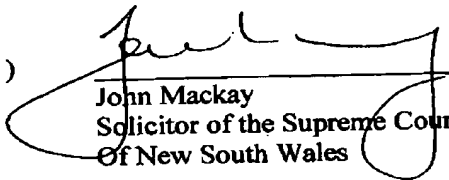

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Examiner/GAU: Marie Twyler Lamb/2622

Dated September 9, 2003
At: Balmain NSW Australia
Docket No. PP11US

AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Specification:

Please cancel the abstract and replace it with the following:

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An effects module including an elongated body. An image processor within the body applies one or more effects (such as borders, clip art, etc.) to a stored image. A connector is incorporated into one end of the body for connecting the effects module to a bus that provides power and data between the effects module and the stored image. A second connector is incorporated into the other end of the body for connecting the effects module to a compact printer or to a digital camera in a stackable manner. The effects module is detachable by a user from the compact printer and the digital camera such that the effects module may be detached from and operated independently of the compact printer and the digital camera.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 1, line 12, as follows:

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USSN	Docket No.	Title
TBA09/575.182	PP01	Compact Color Printer Module
TBA09/575.173	PP02	Modular Compact Printer System
TBA6.416.160	PP03	Nozzle Capping Mechanism
TBA6.238.043	PP04	Ink Cartridge for Compact Printer System
TBA09/575.119	PP07	Controller for Printer Module
TBA09/575.135	PP08	Camera Module for Compact Printer System
TBA09/575.157	PP09	Image Processor for Camera Module
TBA6.554.459	PP10	Memory Module for Compact Printer System
TBA09/575.121	PP12	Effects Processor for Effects Module
TBA09/575.137	PP13	Timer Module for Compact Printer System
TBA09/575.167	PP15	Color Conversion Method for Compact Printer System
TBA09/575.120	PP16	Method and Apparatus of Dithering
TBA09/575.122	PP17	Method and Apparatus of Image Conversion

Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 2, line 1, as follows:

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USSN	Docket No.	Title
TBA09/575.152	MJ62	Fluidic seal for an ink jet nozzle assembly
TBA6.428.133	H52	Ink jet printhead having a moving nozzle with an externally arranged actuator
TBA6.526.658	HM52	Method of manufacture of an ink jet printhead having a moving nozzle with an externally arranged actuator
TBA6.328.417	MJ63	Ink jet printhead nozzle array
TBA6.390.591	MJ58	Nozzle guard for an ink jet printhead

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Please delete the paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 10 through page 3, line 2 and replace them with the following new paragraph:

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The present invention is directed to an effects module including an elongated body. An image processor within the body applies one or more effects (such as borders, clip art, etc.) to a stored image. A connector is incorporated into one end of the body for connecting the effects module to a bus that provides power and data between the effects module and the stored image. A second connector is incorporated into the other end of the body for connecting the effects module to a compact printer or to a digital camera in a stackable manner. The effects module is detachable by a user from the compact printer and the digital camera such that the effects module may be detached from and operated independently of the compact printer and the digital camera.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 19, and replace it with the following amended paragraph:

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Each module is visible on the Serial Bus. Each module is self identifying and self-configuring using standard USB protocols. Apart from the standard protocol functions (including identification), there are a number of functions to which each module is also capable of responding. These are outlined in Table 1. Each module also has a number of module-specific functions. These ~~commands~~ commands allow the modules to be controlled by an external device, such as a personal computer, and by other modules.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An effects module comprising:
an elongated body having first and second ends;
an image processor within said body that applies one or more effects to a stored image;
at least one first connection means incorporated in said first end of said body for connecting said effects module to a bus providing power and data between said effects module and said stored image; and
second connection means incorporated in said second end of said body for connecting said effects module to a compact printer or to a digital camera in a stackable manner;
wherein said effects module is detachable by a user from said compact printer and said digital camera such that said effects module may be detached from and operated independently of said compact printer and said digital camera or may be connected to and operated in conjunction with one or both said compact printer or said digital camera.

2-4. (Cancelled)

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5. (Original) The effects module of claim 1 wherein the image processor includes means for retrieving the stored image from a first image store, means for applying said one or more effects to said stored image, and means for transferring a resultant image to a second image store.

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6. (Original) The effects module of claim 1 further comprising a LCD within said body, said LCD being connected to said image processor and providing information about said effects.

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7. (Original) The effects module of claim 3 wherein said LCD is capable of displaying a plurality of icons indicative of effect type, effect number and effect application status.

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5 ~~8.~~ (Original) The effects module of claim 1 further comprising a CHOOSE button to cycle through a plurality of effect types.

6 ~~9.~~ (Original) The effects module of claim 1 further comprising a SELECT button to increment or decrement an effect number.

7 ~~10.~~ (Original) The effects module of claim 1 further comprising an APPLY button to apply a selected effect to said stored image.

8 ~~11.~~ (Original) The effects module of claim 1 wherein said effects are borders, clip-art, captions, warps, color changes, and painting styles.

9 ~~12.~~ (Currently amended) The effects module of claim 1 wherein ~~said at least one~~ one of said first and second connection means comprises a male bayonet fitting providing physical connection between said effects module and a module storing said stored image.

10 ~~13.~~ (Currently amended) The effects module of claim 1 wherein ~~said at least one~~ one of said first and second connection means comprises a female bayonet fitting providing physical connection between said effects module and a module storing said stored image.

11 ~~14.~~ (Original) The effects module of claim 1 wherein said bus is a Serial Bus.

12 ~~15.~~ (Original) The effects module of claim 1 wherein said bus enables said effects module to be controlled externally allowing said one or more effects to be applied to external stored images.

16-21. (Cancelled)

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*Specification*

The abstract has been amended as required by the Examiner.

The "Brief Summary of the Invention" has been amended to conform to the amended claims. Further, one typographical error on page 10, line 23 has been corrected. No new matter has been added.

Claims

The Examiner rejected claims 1-21. By this amendment, claims 2-4 and 16-21 have been cancelled and claims 1 and 12-13 have been amended. Therefore claims 1 and 5-15 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claims 1-11 and 15-21 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sarbadhikari et al. (Sarbadhikari) (US 5,477,264).

The rejection is respectfully traversed. The Examiner cites Sarbadhikari as disclosing an effects module in Fig. 2. However Fig. 2 of Sarbadhikari is directed to an electronic camera and not to an effects module. The body of Sarbadhikari (Fig. 2) and the image processor (processor 22) are therefore integral components of an electronic camera. The applicant's present invention is very different.

The applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify that the effects module of the present invention is independent of an electronic camera and is detachable by a user from a camera and from a compact printer. This limitation finds support in the present specification in Fig. 14 that shows a compact printer and a digital camera connected together but where the effects module is detached from both the printer and the camera. Further support for the limitation that the effects module is detachable is found in the present specification on page 11, lines 8-15: "In some situations, certain modules may be configured without the printer module. For example, it may be convenient to configure a camera module 20 and a memory module 30 for capturing and storing images for later printing by the printer module 10...An Effects Module may be added to apply effects to stored images for later printing."

Unlike the camera of Sarbadhikari, the effects module of the present invention may thus be physically separated from and operated independently of a camera or a compact printer.

Alternatively the effects module of the present invention may be connected in a stackable manner with one or both of a digital camera or a compact printer. The Examiner cites Sarbadhikari as disclosing second connection means connectable to further modules in a stackable manner (col. 11, lines 23-42). However Sarbadhikari in col. 11, lines 23-42 discusses only standard electrical computer interface cables. Sarbadhikari does not disclose stackable connections.

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The applicant has further amended claim 1 to include an elongated body having first and second ends. First and second connection means are then incorporated into said first and second ends, respectively. This clarifies the use of the term "stackable manner" used in the previously presented claim 3 and now incorporated into amended claim 1. The connection means at the ends of the elongated body enable the effects module to be incorporated into a compact printer configuration including multiple modules as shown in Fig. 16. Further support for this elongated stacking is given in the present specification on page 15, lines 17-20: "Alternatively, the Effects Module may be connected to a compact printer configuration via both the male and female bayonet connectors. An example of this principle is shown in FIG 16 where the Memory Module 30 is connected via both its male and female connectors."

Regarding the remaining dependent claims, the applicant submits that the rejections no longer apply because the claims have either been cancelled or the rejection to independent claim 1 has been overcome by the currently amended claim 1.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 12-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sarbadhikari in view of Goodwin (US 5,586,207). However both claims 12 and 13 are dependent on claim 1. The applicant respectfully submits that the amended claim 1 and thus claims 12-13 are patentably distinct over Sarbadhikari and are also patentably distinct over Sarbadhikari in view of Goodwin. That is because Goodwin merely discloses a male bayonet fitting in an assembly for packaging opto-electronic devices and does not disclose or suggest the limitations of the currently amended claim 1.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sarbadhikari in view of Wang et al. (Wang) (US 6,529,287). However claim 14 is also dependent on claim 1. The applicant respectfully submits that the amended claim 1 and thus also claim 14 are patentably distinct over Sarbadhikari and are also patentably distinct over Sarbadhikari in view of Wang. That is because Wang merely discloses an image processing system that includes a serial bus and does not disclose or suggest the above described limitations of the currently amended claim 1.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

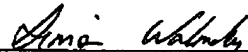
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The status of the above application has changed from "Small Entity" to "Large Entity".

Please update your records accordingly.

Yours faithfully

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